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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

- 25X1 1. The Progress Plant in Berdichev (49°55'N/28°35'E),
25X1 Kiev Oblast, is near the railroad station, west of
25X1 the Vinnitsa (49°13'N/28°29'E) - Rovno (50°33'N/
26°15'E) railroad line. Railroad spur tracks lead
from the plant to the main line. *
2. The plant allegedly was established in 1928. Part
of the plant was destroyed during the war. Recon-
struction started in the summer of 1945 and was
scheduled to be completed by 1948-1949. Some of the
machines are American and British, but most are
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3. Plant installations included an old foundry, a new foundry, a small foundry, a forge, a mechanical workshop consisting of a lathe shop and a punching shop, an assembly shop, a laboratory, a pattern-making shop, a kitchen, the administration building, and the power plant. **
4. Prewar production allegedly included 120 mm mortar ammunition and gear wheels. Tanks were repaired during the German occupation. Production during the period of observation consisted of tank cupolas, each about 50 cm high, 1.5 meters in diameter, and 50 mm thick. From 600 to 700 armor plates were produced each week. One source reported that there was a weekly production of seventy tank cupolas. Tank parts, including superstructures, track shoes, and bogie wheels were also produced. Three or four tanks for railroad tank cars were manufactured each week. Other items that were manufactured included steam boilers, car bushings for railroad cars, gasoline tanks, gear wheels, and screws and boiler rivets.
5. Daily incoming shipments of raw materials included about five or six carloads of steel plates, allegedly from Stalino (48°00'N/37°43'E).
6. About 1,000 men were employed in three 8-hour shifts.
7. The plant is surrounded by a wooden fence and watch towers and is guarded by armed sentries, including women. ***

- 25X1 * Comment. See annex 1 for cartographic sketch of the Progress Plant.
- 25X1 ** Comment. See annex 2 for layout sketch of the Progress Plant.
- 25X1 *** Comment. Report does not indicate whether tanks were repaired in the plant after the fall of 1947, but one source maintained that tank repairs were scheduled to be resumed after the reconstruction

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of the plant in 1948-1949. The plant may be converted to war production at any time.

2. annexes :
1. Map Sketch of the Progress Plant in Berdichev.
 2. Layout Sketch of the Progress Plant in Berdichev.

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Annex

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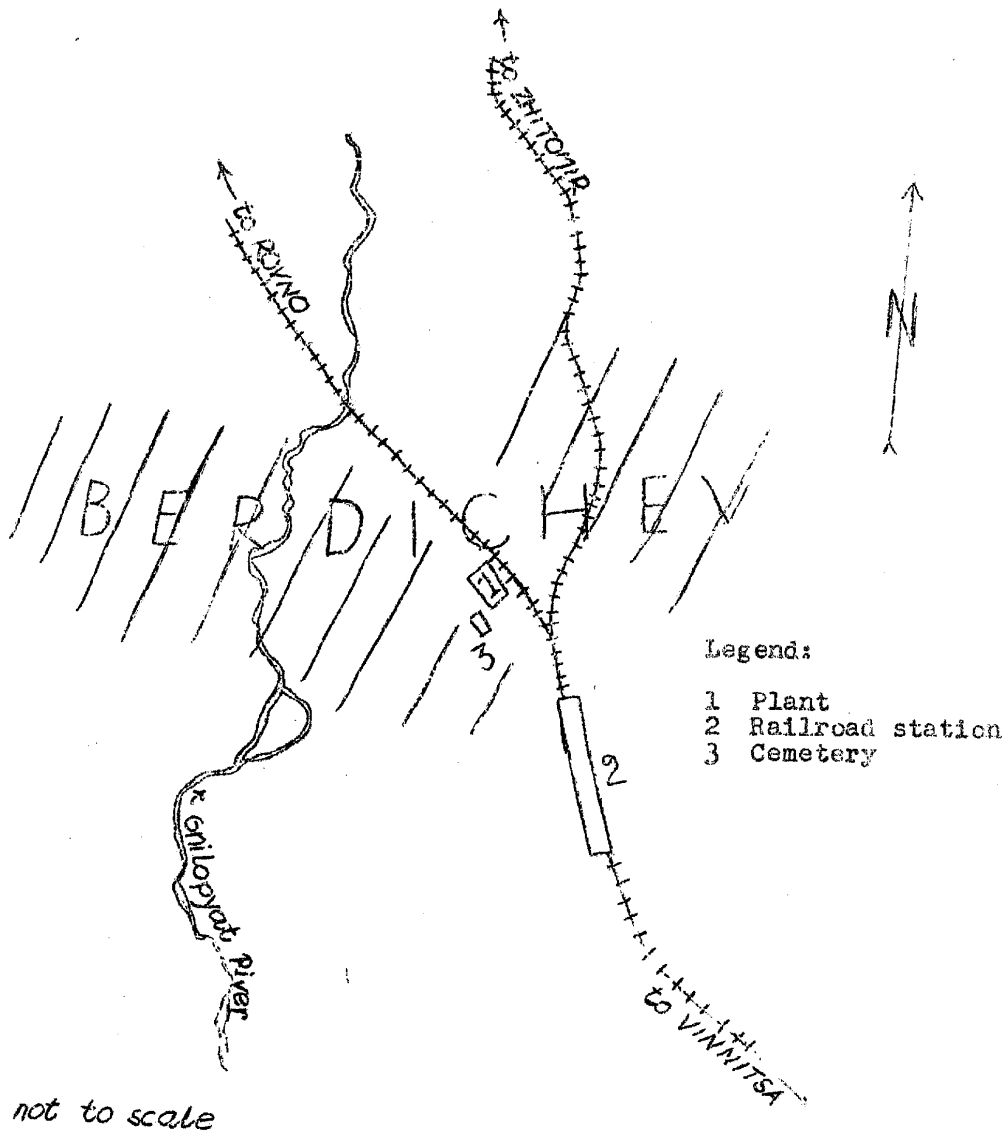
- 1 - Old foundry : Equipped with two or three smelting furnaces and two cranes. Production includes bogie wheels and track shoes.
- 2 - New foundry. Scheduled for completion in 1948.
- 3 - Small foundry. Produces small castings.
- 4 - Forge : Equipped with four or five furnaces, three electric hammers, one to three slewing cranes.
- 5 - Mechanical workshop, lathe shop and punching shop. Equipped with lathes, planers, milling machines, drilling machines, and emery grinding machines. Plant repair work is done. Motor vehicles are repaired. Small parts are punched in a punching shop located in the building.
- 6 - Assembly shop. Equipped with bending and pressing machines, welding machines, milling, drilling and cutting machines, and traveling cranes. Tanks are mounted on railroad carriages and are provided with pipes, faucets, safety appliances, etc. The assembly of superstructures and side parts of armored track-laying vehicles was reported as being done in 1947.
- 7 - Laboratory. Completed by September 1947.
- 8 - Pattern-making shop. Reportedly contains a depot for shapes and patterns for mortars ammunition.
- 9 - Kitchen.
- 10 - Administration building.
- 11 - Power Plant. Equipped with two Diesel engines, one steam engine, and two turbines.

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Annex I

Map Sketch of the Progress Plant in Berdichev



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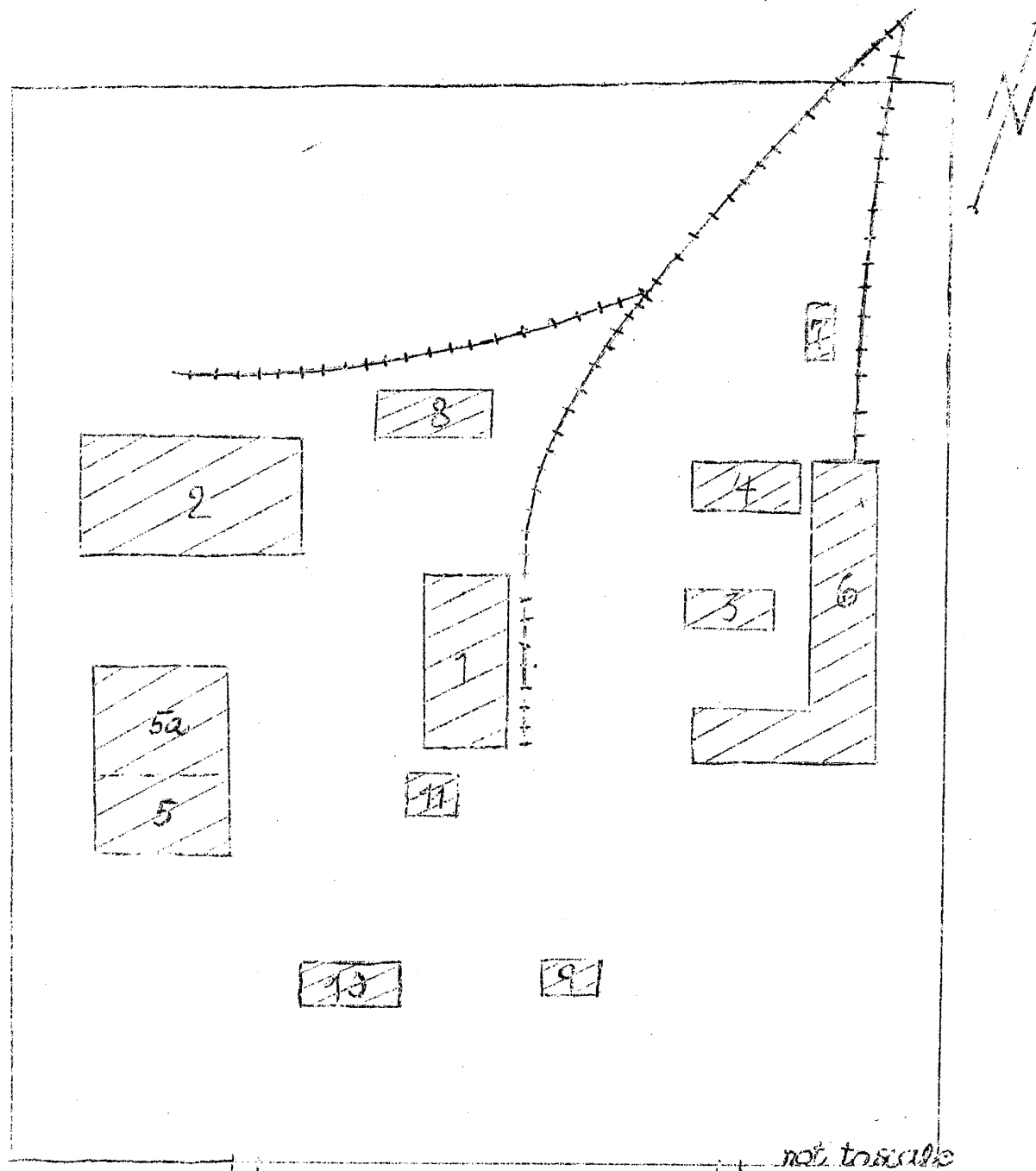
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Annex 2

Layout Sketch of the Progress Plant in Berdichev



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